



0063328

**Department of Energy**  
Richland Operations Office  
P.O. Box 550  
Richland, Washington 99352

05-AMCP-0114

DEC 30 2004

Mr. Allen W. Conklin, Supervisor  
Air Emissions and Defense Waste Section  
Washington State Department of Health  
P.O. Box 47827  
Olympia, Washington 98504

**RECEIVED**  
JAN 04 2005  
**EDMC**

Dear Mr. Conklin:

**ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF CONSTRUCTION APPROVAL 04-AIR-1209 FOR THE  
DEACTIVATION OF THE PLUTONIUM FINISHING PLANT**

The U.S. Department of Energy, Richland Operations Office (RL) received the Washington State Department of Health's 04-AIR-1209 Notice of Construction (NOC) Approval for the Deactivation of the Plutonium Finishing Plant on December 28, 2004. The NOC is accepted by RL. With this understanding, it is RL's plan that work may begin under this NOC at any time.

RL does recognize the ambiguity of the disputed terms "facility" and "license" cited in the subject Conditions and Limitations. The utilization and definitions of these terms is also currently being discussed and negotiated pursuant to paragraph 2.3 of the settlement agreement between the organizations dated September 14, 2004.

If you have any questions, please contact me, or your staff may contact Matt McCormick, Assistant Manager of the Central Plateau, on (509) 373-9971, or Joel Hebdon, Director, Office of Environmental Services, on (509) 376-6657.

Sincerely,

Keith A. Klein  
Manager

AMCP:WCW

cc: R. W. Bloom, FHI  
R. H. Engelmann, DFSH  
E. W. Fordham, WDOH, MSIN B1-42  
W. E. Green, FHI  
R. H. Gurske, DFSH  
K. A. Hadley, FHI  
S. Harris, CTUIR  
M. T. Jansky, FHI

R. Jim, YN  
J. W. Schmidt, WDOH, MSIN B1-42  
P. Sobotta, NPT  
O. S. Wang, Ecology  
D. Zhen, EPA  
Administrative Record (PEP Deactivation NOC)  
Environmental Portal